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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3303**

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

October 24, 2006

Dear President Bush:

Regrettably we are writing to inform you that on October 19<sup>th</sup>, United States Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean were convicted and sentenced to 11 and 12 years in federal prison respectively. Both Ramos and Compean will appeal these overzealous and unjust sentences through their counsel.

Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean attempted to apprehend a Mexican drug smuggler who brought 743 pounds of marijuana across the U.S. border last year. The two agents were prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the smuggler was granted full immunity to testify against the agents. Both men were convicted by a Texas jury for firing shots at the fleeing smuggler, who they believed carried a gun.

During this case there have been numerous questions raised about the accuracy of the charges against the agents, the conduct of the prosecutor, and whether the drug smuggler was armed and dangerous at the border.

We ask that a full investigation of this case be ordered immediately. We are confident that during such an investigation you will find that these border patrol agents were acting within the scope of their duty and were unjustly prosecuted. Also, we ask that you use your power of Presidential Pardon, as granted by the United States Constitution in Article II, Section 2, to pardon these two border patrol agents. We understand these requests usually are for those that have already completed their sentences; however we feel in this case it would be a miscarriage of justice to send these two border patrol agents to prison for protecting our nation's borders from an illegal drug smuggler.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, both agents Ramos and Compean must surrender themselves to federal authorities unless action is taken to overturn this unjust result. We ask that you use your power to both investigate this case and pardon these agents so to avoid the unjust prison sentence facing them.

Sincerely,

  
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